

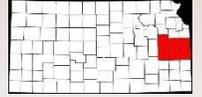


Lake Region Solid Waste Authority

Serving Anderson, Coffey, Franklin, Linn, Miami, and Osage Counties

Newsletter

2nd Quarter
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Coming up >>>

The next LRSWA Meeting will be held on **July 21, 2022 @ 9 AM** (in Osage County)

If you would like to attend or participate, please contact the Regional Coordinator at lrswa@lakeregionsolidwaste.org

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Adopt-A-Bike Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



On Friday May 27, 2022, during the Ottawa Area Chamber Coffee, the Lake Region celebrated the dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony for the new **Adopt-A-Bike storage container**. The container, along with new signs and brochures were funded in part by the **KDHE Solid Waste Grant Program**.

The Adopt-A-Bike program was started in 1999 and serves all six Lake Region counties – Anderson, Coffey, Franklin, Linn, Miami and Osage.

The new 40 ft cargo container replaces an old storage trailer, which had deteriorated and was no longer weather proof or road worthy. This new contained also sits at ground level, which allows for better access to load and unload bikes.

A new informational brochure was designed to help explain and promote the program. It includes an application form and instructions for submission, plus positive environmental, physical, and monetary benefits of cycling.

The county transfer stations and various partner organizations were also provided with new signs to hang up to indicate their role as designated locations to pick up applications and/or drop off bikes.

During the ribbon cutting ceremony Don Stottlemire, Franklin County Commissioner and founder of the Adopt-A-Bike Program, talked about the history of the program and acknowledged the support provided by numerous partner organizations.

Shay Hanysak, LRSWA Regional Coordinator, outlined the KDHE grant programs and plans for the Adopt-A-Bike revitalization and continued growth.

The Franklin County Public Works Department was also recognized for their contributed in housing the storage container and paying to install a new gravel pad.

The Lake Region is always looking for new community partnerships and for additional application or bike drop-off locations.

Please contact the Regional Coordinator if you would like to help support or grow the program.





Avoid the Spark. Be Battery Safety Smart

Lithium-ion (Li-ion) batteries are used in many products such as electronics, toys, wireless headphones, handheld power tools, appliances, and electric vehicles.

The recycle symbol (three arrows forming a triangle) on Li-ion batteries means you can recycle these batteries *at specialized battery recyclers*; it does NOT mean you can put Li-ion batteries in the municipal/household recycling bin.

- **Lithium-ion batteries and devices containing these batteries should NOT go in household garbage or recycling bins.**
- **Lithium-ion batteries SHOULD be taken to separate recycling or Household Hazardous Waste collection points.**

If not properly managed at the end of their useful life, these batteries can cause harm to human health or the environment. Due to the increase of fires at recycling and waste facilities across the country, industry groups have worked together to develop the 'Avoid the Spark. Be Battery Safety Smart.' campaign. This campaign seeks to educate the American consumer about **battery safety and proper management of used Li-ion batteries**. For more information go to <https://www.call2recycle.org/avoid-the-spark/#campaign-highlights>

To prevent fires, which can happen if batteries come in contact with each other or with other metals, the US EPA **recommends taping the battery terminals (or connections) with non-conductive tape**. Electrical tape is preferred, but all adhesive tapes not made of metallic material will work. Alternatively, placing each battery in its own plastic bag also isolates the terminals. For more information go to <https://www.epa.gov/recycle/frequent-questions-lithium-ion-batteries>

Kansas Recycling Survey

www.wichitaw.edu/ksrecycling

Understanding the current state of recycling in Kansas will increase the State's ability to change, adapt and develop new opportunities.

Through a survey for recycling stakeholders, Wichita State University is investigating potential new markets that will provide Kansas recyclers opportunities to increase material reuse and recycling to reduce landfill pressure and improve economic development.

Completing this survey is voluntary and encouraged. Some of the information provided may be used to update the Kansas Recycler's Database.



Did you ever stop to ask...

Can lids and caps be included in my recycling?

It is always good to **check with you local recycling center**, but typically caps and lids can be included in your recycling.

The **metal lids** from glass jars or bottles can be recycled as long as it is placed in the recycling bin separate from the jar. This also included most canning lids as long as they have been properly cleaned.

Metal lids from metal tin and cans may be placed inside the empty container.



Plastic caps are usually made of a different type of plastic than bottles. However, in recent years, plastic recyclers have developed a sink-float process where the PET plastic bottles sink, and the PP plastic caps float! This way the individual plastic types can be harvested.

Once thing to consider about plastic caps - because of their small size, if caps aren't placed back on the bottles, many don't make it through the sorting process and they end up in the landfill.